Southeastern Louisiana University Transfer Analysis 2012 Cohort

Graduation rates are one of higher education's metrics for measuring success. It is highly defined and standardized so that comparisons can be made across institutions. The basic definition starts with the students who comprise the cohort which are students who are full-time, first-time, degree-seeking freshmen. These students are tracked to see how many graduate within a continuous six-year period. However, Southeastern graduates many more students who do not meet the strict definition of the cohort. Students who transferred into Southeastern, students who started in the spring semester or students who started their higher education career as a part-time student are not part of Southeastern's nor any other institution's graduation rate. Furthermore, those students who started in our cohort but did not graduate from Southeastern within six years still have the opportunity to graduate. These students could still be enrolled and take longer than six years to graduate or they might transfer to another institution to pursue a degree.

The purpose of this report is to look at the group of our students who met the 2012 cohort definition and did not graduate from Southeastern, but transferred to another institution of higher learning.

The transfer information comes from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). The NSC reports on over 3,600 colleges and universities across the nation and 99% of all students in public and private U.S. institutions. The NSC is the most comprehensive site from which to obtain enrollment and graduation data. NSC will provide confirmation of enrollment of students and the names of the institutions where they are enrolled. Only when a student graduates will NSC provide degree and major information.

There are 2,286 students in the 2012 revised cohort. From the cohort, 906 students or 39.6% of the cohort graduated from Southeastern within six years. There are 97 students (4.2%) from the 2012 cohort who are still enrolled at Southeastern. The 794 confirmed transfers represent an additional 34.7% of the cohort. The average GPA of students who transferred was 1.955.

Within the group of transfers, there were 61 students who (7.7%) withdrew prior to the end of their first semester, and therefore transferred from Southeastern without receiving any college credit. Due to this, these students were not included in the GPA calculations.

Of those who transferred with hours earned, 220 students (30.0%) transferred with 1 to 15 cumulative hours earned, and 513 (70.0%) transferred with 16 or more cumulative hours earned.

I. When our students left Southeastern:

What was the last Student Classification at Southeastern?

Freshmen	445	56.0%
Sophomore	196	24.7%
Junior	125	15.7%
Senior	28	3.5%

Cumulative GPA Before Transferring:

0.000 - 1.999	399	50.0%
2.000 - 2.499	98	12.3%
2.500 - 2.999	98	12.3%
3.000 - 3.499	94	11.8%
3.500 - 3.999	40	5.0%
4.000	4	0.5%
Withdrew with no credit	61	7.7%

Cumulative GPA Before Transferring Based on Classification:

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Freshmen	1.452	377
Sophomore	2.403	196
Junior	2.652	125
Senior	2.612	28
Total	1.955	733

Academic Plan Before Transferring:

BS in Nursing	154	19.4%
BS in Kinesiology	57	7.2%
BS in Biology	51	6.4%
BGS in General Studies	39	4.9%
BA in Management	37	4.7%
BA in Criminal Justice	35	4.4%
Undecided	35	4.4%
BA in Psychology	31	3.9%
BBA in Business Administration	27	3.4%
BS in Engineering Technology	25	3.1%
BA in Communication	24	3.0%
BS in Accounting	20	2.5%
BA in Art	18	2.3%

BS in Computer Science	18	2.3%
BS in Physics	18	2.3%
BA in Marketing	16	2.0%
BS in Athletic Training	14	1.8%
BS in Chemistry	14	1.8%
BS in Early Childhood Education	14	1.8%
BS in Family and Consumer Science	14	1.8%
BA in English	13	1.6%
BS in Industrial Technology	13	1.6%
BA in History	11	1.4%
BS in Elementary Education	10	1.3%
AGS in General Studies	8	1.0%
BM in Music	8	1.0%
BA in Political Science	7	0.9%
BA in Social Work	7	0.9%
BS in Communication Sciences & Disorders	6	0.8%
BS in Health & Physical Education	6	0.8%
AAS in Industrial Technology	6	0.8%
BA in English Education	5	0.6%
BS in Finance	5	0.6%
BS in Occupational Health, Safety & Environment	5	0.6%
BS in Sports Management	5	0.6%
BS in Industrial Technology	4	0.5%
BS in Health Education & Promotion	3	0.4%
BS in Middle School Education	3	0.4%
BS in Mathematics	2	0.3%
BA in Spanish	2	0.3%
BS in Elementary and Special Education	1	0.1%
BS in Health Studies	1	0.1%
BS in Health Systems Management	1	0.1%
BA in Sociology	1	0.1%
Total	794	

II. Where Did Students Transfer?

There are nine students who are a part of the 2012 revised cohort who we have confirmed as transfers, but do not have record on what institutions they transferred into. They are not included in the data below.

Level of Institution

2 Year Institution	510	65.0%
4 Year Institution	275	35.0%

Sector of Institution

Public	697	88.8%
Private	88	11.2%

Top Ten Institutions

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Delgado Community College	150	19.1%
Baton Rouge Community College	145	18.5%
Northshore Technical College	65	8.3%
Louisiana State University	58	7.4%
River Parishes Community College	40	5.1%
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (Our Lady of the Lake)	27	3.4%
Southern University and A&M College	25	3.2%
University of New Orleans	21	2.7%
South Central Louisiana Technical College	19	2.4%
University of Louisiana Lafayette	19	2.4%

Nursing majors make up the largest proportion of student who left Southeastern. Below are the schools that received our Nursing students. The top three schools enrolled 50.0% of Southeastern's transfer out Nursing students.

Where Did Nursing Students Transfer? Top Institutions

Baton Rouge Community College	27	17.8%
Delgado Community College	27	17.8%
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (Our Lady of the Lake)	22	14.5%
Southern University and A&M College	14	9.2%
Northshore Technical College	10	6.6%
River Parishes Community College	9	5.9%
University of Holy Cross	4	2.6%
University of Louisiana Lafayette	4	2.6%
Louisiana State University	3	2.0%

Nicholls State University	3	2.0%
South Central Louisiana Technical College	3	2.0%

III. Students who Graduated from Another Institution

Below, we have used NSC reports to determine which students received some form of graduation recognition from another institution and that is summarized below.

There were 210 students who graduated with an Associate or Bachelor degree from another institution. For these students, the average cumulative hours earned was 42.1, average cumulative GPA was 2.628, and the average ACT composite was 21.8. For the students that did not receive a degree or certificate the comparative numbers were 33.5, 1.751, and 21.1 respectively.

Awards That Were Conferred Upon Southeastern Transfer Out Students:

Associate	70	26.6%
Bachelor	140	53.2%
Certificate	41	15.6%
Award not disclosed	12	4.6%
Total	263	

Top Institutions Southeastern's Transfer Out Students Graduated From:*

Louisiana State University	50	23.1%
Delgado Community College	17	7.9%%
University of New Orleans	15	6.9%
Southern University and A&M College	12	5.6%
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (Our Lady Of the Lake)	11	5.1%
Northshore Technical Community College	10	4.6%
University of Louisiana Lafayette	10	4.6%
Baton Rouge Community College	9	4.2%
River Parishes Community College	6	2.8%
LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans	5	2.3%
McNeese State University	4	1.9%
Nunez Community College	4	1.9%
South Central Louisiana Technical College	4	1.9%
Southern University at New Orleans	4	1.9%
University of Holy Cross	4	1.9%
Grambling State University	3	1.4%
Nicholls State University	3	1.4%
Louisiana State University - Shreveport	2	0.9%

Louisiana Tech University	2	0.9%
Northwestern State University	2	0.9%
University of Memphis	2	0.9%
University of Phoenix	2	0.9%
William Carey University	2	0.9%

^{*} Includes only Associate and Bachelor degree recipients

Majors of Those Students that Graduated from Another Institution with a Bachelor's Degree:

Engineering	16	11.3%
Nursing	16	11.3%
Business	11	7.7%
Physical Education Teaching & Coaching	8	5.6%
Criminal Justice	7	4.9%
Marketing	7	4.9%
Interdisciplinary Studies	6	4.2%
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	5	3.5%
Family and Consumer Sciences	5	3.5%
Health and Physical Education/Fitness	5	3.5%
Psychology	5	3.5%
Social Sciences	5	3.5%
Biology	4	2.8%
English	4	2.8%
Health Professions	4	2.8%
Visual and Performing Arts	4	2.8%
Accounting	3	2.1%
Finance	3	2.1%
General Studies	3	2.1%
Physical Sciences	3	2.1%
Architecture	2	1.4%
Audiology/Audiologist & Speech-Language Pathology/Pathologist	2	1.4%
Communication	2	1.4%
Construction Management	2	1.4%
Education	2	1.4%
Hospitality Administration/Management	2	1.4%
Agriculture	1	0.7%
Computer Science	1	0.7%
Fashion Merchandising	1	0.7%
History	1	0.7%
Industrial Technology	1	0.7%
Parks, Recreation and Leisure Facilities Management	1	0.7%

Total 14

^{*} There were 140 students who received a Bachelor's degree, however, two of these students received two bachelor degrees.

Majors of Those Students that Graduated from Another Institution with an Associate's Degree:

General Studies	23	32.86%
Engineering Technologies	12	17.14%
Business and Related Services	8	11.43%
Health Professions	6	8.57%
Computer and Information Sciences	5	7.14%
Nursing	5	7.14%
Industrial Technology	3	4.29%
Cinematography and Film/Video Production	2	2.86%
Construction Management	2	2.86%
Biology	1	1.43%
Family and Consumer Science	1	1.43%
Legal Assistant/Paralegal	1	1.43%
Mechanic and Repair Technologies	1	1.43%
Total	70	

Majors of Those Students Who Graduated with a Certificate or Technical Diploma:

General Studies	16	34.8%
Nursing	7	15.2%
EMT Paramedic	5	10.9%
Industrial Production Technologies	3	6.5%
Business Administration and Management	2	4.3%
Electromechanical Instrumentation and Maintenance Technologies	2	4.3%
Health Information/Medical Records Technology	2	4.3%
Mechanic and Repair Technologies	2	4.3%
Nursing Assistant/Aide	2	4.3%
Pharmacy Technician	2	4.3%
Electrician	1	2.2%
Medical/Clinical Assistant	1	2.2%
Welding Technology	1	2.2%
Total	46	